

Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A semi-solid emollient composition for cuticle treatment.
2. (Original) The semi-solid emollient composition of claim 1 wherein the composition has a melt temperature ranging between 40-60 degrees Celsius.
3. (Original) The semi-solid emollient composition of claim 2 wherein the composition further has a melt temperature ranging between 47-51 degrees Celsius.
4. (Original) The product of claim 2 wherein the semi-solid emollient composition imparts a dry feel to the user.
5. (Original) The product of claim 2 wherein the semi-solid emollient composition for cuticle treatment comprises esterified materials derived from natural seed and/or nut oils.
6. (Original) The product of claim 5 wherein the esterified natural organic oils are jojoba esters.
7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) The semi-solid emollient composition of claim 2 that further includes one or more active ingredients.
9. (Original) The semi-solid emollient composition of claim 8 wherein the one or more active ingredients is selected from the group consisting of antifungals, colorants, fragrances, antimicrobial agents, analgesics, topical anesthetics, skin

whitening agents, sun blocks, insect repellants, vitamins, hormones, proteins, cosmeceuticals, and botanical extracts.

10. (Original) A product for treating cuticles with emollient, the product comprising:
 - (a) a semi-solid emollient composition for cuticle treatment; and
 - (b) a container that retains the semi-solid emollient and enables a user to apply the emollient to a selected surface without the user having to touch the emollient with his/her finger tips.
11. (Original) The semi-solid emollient composition of claim 10 wherein the composition has a melt temperature ranging between 40-60 degrees Celsius.
12. (Original) The semi-solid emollient composition of claim 11 wherein the composition further has a melt temperature ranging between 47-51 degrees Celsius.
13. (Original) The product of claim 11 wherein the semi-solid emollient composition imparts a dry feel to the user.
14. (Original) The product of claim 11 wherein the semi-solid emollient composition for cuticle treatment comprises esterified materials derived from natural seed and/or nut oils.
15. (Original) The product of claim 14 wherein the esterified natural organic oils are jojoba esters.
16. (Canceled)
17. (Original) The product of claim 11 wherein the emollient further comprises one or more active ingredients.
18. (Original) The product of claim 17 wherein the one or more active ingredients is

selected from the group consisting of antifungals, colorants, fragrances, antimicrobial agents, analgesics, topical anesthetics, skin whitening agents, sun blocks, insect repellants, vitamins, hormones, proteins, cosmeceuticals, and botanical extracts.

19. (Original) The product of claim 11 wherein the container has an opening and includes a removable cap that covers the opening.
20. (Original) The product of claim 19 wherein the container is a pencil form.
21. (Original) The product of claim 20 wherein the pencil form container is less than 10" in length.
22. (Original) The product of claim 11 wherein the container is a propel/repel container that includes a device for extending the semi-solid emollient composition retained therein.
23. (Original) The product of claim 22 wherein the container has an opening and includes a removable cap that covers the opening, the emollient capable of being extended through the opening.
24. (Original) A method for treating a cuticle using a semi-solid emollient composition comprising the steps of providing a semi-solid emollient composition in a container and applying the semi-solid emollient composition on a selected area without touching the semi-solid emollient composition with any fingertips.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising the step of extending the semi-solid emollient composition past an opening in the container before the step of applying the semi-solid emollient composition on a selected area.
26. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the step of extending the semi-solid

emollient composition past an opening in the container is the step of extruding the semi-solid emollient composition past the opening in the container.

27. (Original) The method of claim 25 wherein the step of extending the semi-solid emollient composition past an opening in the container is the step of removing portions of the container, thereby leaving a portion of the semi-solid emollient composition behind and extending past a remaining portion of the container.
28. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising the step of removing a cap from the container of the semi-solid emollient composition before the step of applying the semi-solid emollient composition on a selected area.
29. (Original) The method of claim 28 further comprising the step of replacing the cap on the container after the step of applying the semi-solid emollient composition on a selected area.
30. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of removing a cap from the container of the semi-solid emollient composition before the step of applying the semi-solid emollient composition, extending the semi-solid emollient composition past an opening in the container before the step of applying the semi-solid emollient composition on a selected area, wherein the step of extending the semi-solid emollient composition past an opening in the container is the step of extruding the semi-solid emollient composition past the opening in the container, and replacing the cap on the container after the step of applying the semi-solid emollient composition on a selected area.
31. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising the steps of removing a cap from the container of the semi-solid emollient composition before the step of

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applying the semi-solid emollient composition on a selected are, extending the semi-solid emollient composition past an opening in the container before the step of applying the semi-solid emollient composition, wherein the step of extending the semi-solid emollient composition past an opening in the container is the step of removing portions of the container, thereby leaving a portion of the semi-solid emollient composition behind and extending past a remaining portion of the container, and replacing the cap on the container after the step of applying the semi-solid emollient composition on a selected area.